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**National Storytelling Week - What a Success!** We've had a brilliant week celebrating National Storytelling Week. A huge well done to the 51 children who took part in our Read Anywhere challenge by posting photos and videos on our Facebook page - they all received a sticker in assembly this morning! Reading really does matter, and regular reading at home makes such a difference. Please keep it up!

**Midday Supervisor Vacancy** Further down this newsletter you'll find details about a Midday Supervisor role starting in March. It's 5 hours per week, and we'd love to hear from anyone interested. Apply here: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=53391>

**Can You Help Refresh Our Playground?** Our School Council have been working hard on ideas to improve our playground, supported by our PTA. We're now looking for donations or workplace connections to help source resources - especially good-quality pre-loved items.

We're hoping to gather:

- Role play props (dress-up items, tools, binoculars, high-vis jackets)
- Musical instruments (tambourines, bells, maracas, xylophones)
- Vehicles (cars, diggers, trucks - child-safe)
- Loose parts & construction materials (reels, tubes, pallets, planks)
- Large plastic storage boxes with lids
- If you can help with any of these, please get in touch. Every contribution helps create a richer play space for our children - thank you!

### 5 O'Clock Club - Spring 2

Bookings for Spring 2 are now open. Spaces fill quickly, so please book soon to avoid missing out. <https://www.crawleyridge.co.uk/wrap-around-care>

**Amazon Wishlist - Thank You!** A big thank you to the Hlebanovschi family for their generous Amazon Wishlist donation - bug toys, bug hunting kits, mini rollers and wipes. These will be put to excellent use!

Have a great weekend! Mr O'Shea

### A message from our Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Roberts

Next week is children's mental health week and so this week's book has been chosen with this in mind. Blue by Sarah Christou is a simple, gentle picture book which children will enjoy in its own right. We all feel 'blue' from time to time and this book can be a gateway to helping children talk about how they're feeling whilst helping adults navigate these discussions.



## DIARY DATES

- Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Break the Rules Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb
- **End of Spring 1 Term - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 3pm**
- **INSET Day (School closed) - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**
- **Spring 2 Term Starts - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 08:35**
- Yr 2 Dioramas (Parents in) - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 14:30
- Family Support Worker Coffee morning - 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 08:45
- Nursery Stay & Plays - W/B 9<sup>th</sup> March
- World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 16:30 - 19:30 & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 15:30 - 18:00
- TAMAT Music Concert (Selected year one children only) 17<sup>th</sup> March

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## NUR

This week in Nursery we have been enjoying the story **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**. The children have taken part in lots of creative activities, including designing their own bears, making collage cushions for Baby Bear's bed and painting. We have also loved our construction challenges, such as building Baby Bear a new chair to replace his broken one and creating bear dens outside in our construction area. In maths, we have been counting and subitising to 3 and using size language to compare objects, such as *smallest*, *biggest* and *medium-sized*. The children also enjoyed building a bridge for the bears to cross the river and practising their fine motor skills by dressing the bears and fastening tricky buttons, strengthening their hands and wrists. Next week, we will be taking a little step away from traditional tales as we focus on supporting the children with friendships. We have noticed that the class will benefit from some extra time learning about caring for others and getting along together. We will enjoy a range of lovely stories and activities that help children talk about feelings and practise being kind to one another.



## REC

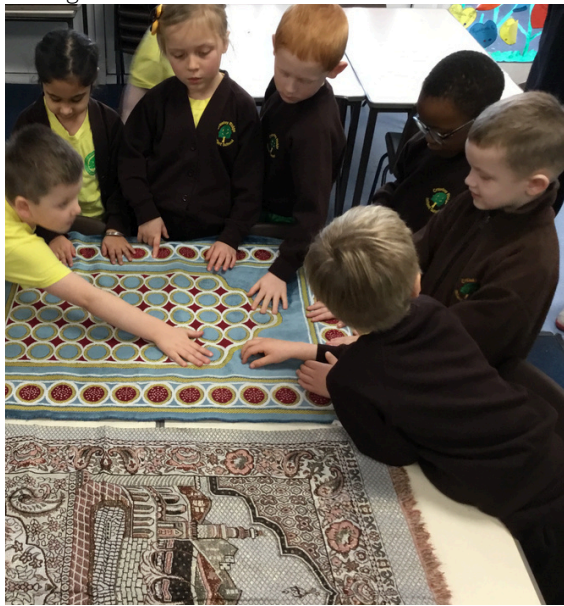
This week our story focus has been **The Great Fairytale Disaster**, and the children have enjoyed engaging with a range of different fairytales. They have taken part in activities such as dressing up as various characters, making castles, creating stick puppets, and using a small world castle with fairytale figures to support their play. We have also spent time exploring how different fairytale characters might sound as they move through their stories by using a range of percussion instruments; after a whole class session, the children continued this during their play with access to the instruments, and it has been lovely to hear their creations. In phonics, some children have learned the new sound oa, discovering this through floating activities in the water tray before making junk model boats to test whether they would float, and the sound igh, which they linked to creating night time pictures. In writing, the children have been describing different fairytale characters, and we are beginning to see improvements in their segmenting and handwriting. In maths, we have been looking at doubling numbers up to 8 and combining two groups to find a total through practical activities.



# This week in KS1 we have...

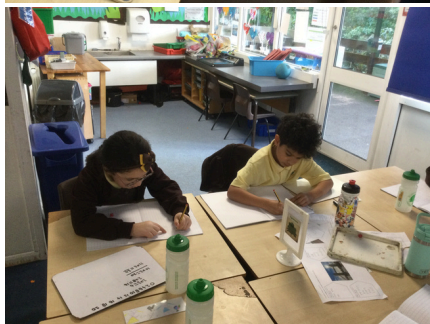
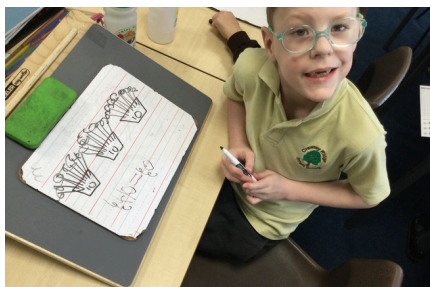
YEAR 1

In English this week we have been learning all about verbs. We have found out that these are "doing" words that describe an action, happening or a state, for example running, smiling or snoring. We have been using these verbs in the context of our new story "**Handa Surprise**" by Eileen Browne. The story follows Handa's journey from her village to her best friend Akeyo's house where she hopes to deliver a basket of fruity surprises. However, along the way several different animals each take a piece of fruit from the basket without Handa knowing, and it is the actions of the animals that we have been trying to describe using different verbs. During Maths we have consolidated our understanding of addition and subtraction, making certain that we check the symbol within our number sentence so that we carry out the correct operation (adding or subtracting). Science this week had us exploring glass. We found out how glass is made of sand and how it is heated up to a very high temperature, at which point it turns into a liquid before cooling and turning into glass. We also thought about the properties of glass and how it is used for different jobs. The highlight of the week was our visit from the lovely Mrs Norat. Mrs Norat is one of our wonderful lunchtime helpers, but she visited Year 1 to help us with our learning about Islam in RE. Mrs Norat told us all about the 5 Pillars of Islam and she explained all about the different clothes and artefacts she brought in to share with us. She was very impressed with how knowledgeable the children were and how much they had remembered from their learning. Well done Year 1- you had some very proud teachers watching on! Have a good weekend.



YEAR 2

This week we have been reading '**The Great Kapok Tree**' by Lynne Cherry. In English this week we have been practising using exciting verbs, interesting adverbs and creating expanded noun phrases. In maths the children have been learning their 2, 5 and 10 times. In Art we have continued to make our own collages of rainforest animals. In science we learnt about the diets of animals and to identify and classify carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In geography we have been continuing to learn about human and physical features of the U.K.



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## Nurture Hub

This week in the Nurture Hub, we have been busy creating Animal Spiral Hanging Crafts. The children loved decorating them and proudly hung them around the Hub before taking them home.

During our fine motor skills groups, we focused on using spacethemed scissorskills worksheets to help the children develop their cutting abilities.

Everyone showed great concentration and improvement throughout the week.

We also managed to enjoy some time in the outdoor area, making the most of the dry moments between the February showers.



## PTA

Thank you to everyone that supported last Friday's Hot Chocolate and Cookie sale. You helped raise £90!

Notes from our **PTA meeting** will be circulated shortly but, in the meantime, if anyone would be interested in organising the Mother's Day gifts please do contact us [pta@cri.tamat.org.uk](mailto:pta@cri.tamat.org.uk) or via the WhatsApp groups.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Break (some of) the rules day. Further information will be sent out via Arbor and bookbags on how your child can take part in this popular fundraiser.

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Coming soon - **Spring into Spring**

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# School Clubs

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the [Clubs section](#) of our [school website](#).



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Playball</b> Nursery 8.30am - 9am		<b>Playball</b> Nursery 8.30am - 9am	
<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Hotsteppers</b> <b>Dance</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Boogie Pumps</b> <b>Drama</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
<b>Mad Science</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Camberley</b> <b>Judo</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>14 Sports Football</b> <b>NEW!</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
	<b>Maths</b> <b>NEW!</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.50pm			

## You might be interested in...

**Certificate of Thanks**  
Crawley Ridge Infant School  
For raising £ 95.01

Being a chosen charity at the Christmas performance  
helping to make a difference to the lives of children with hydrocephalus.

Date: January 2026

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## WE ARE HIRING

### Midday Supervisor

Crawley Ridge Infant School

- Monday to Friday**  
12:00 - 1:00pm  
Term time  
5 hours per week
- Start Date**  
9 March 2026
- Pay**  
£1,215 - £1,248 per year

**Ideal for you if you are:**

- ✓ Calm & patient
- ✓ Great with kids
- ✓ Friendly & reliable
- ✓ Happy outdoors

Apply now: [hr@tamat.org.uk](mailto:hr@tamat.org.uk)

Closing date: 20 February 2026

DBS & reference checks required

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# You might be interested in...

## FREE GIVEAWAY LENT BAGS!

Come and grab a bag with tasty treats, a book, weekly activities and more to enjoy at home in the time between Pancake day and Easter!

### Collect from St Paul's Camberley:

3.30-3.50pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
3.30-3.50pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
9.40-10am Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
OR  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February during the  
10.30am service



Any questions: [bethany.larby@stpaulscamb.co.uk](mailto:bethany.larby@stpaulscamb.co.uk)

# YEAR 2 FUN DAY

Monday 23rd February 2026

9.00am - 3.30pm

Year 2 Fun Day is an exciting event that brings pupils from local schools together for a day filled with engaging, hands-on activities. The day includes sport, science, forest school, dance and art. It's a wonderful opportunity for your child to enjoy a taste of life in Prep at Coworth Flexlands.



- ★ Free to attend - Booking required (scan QR code)
- 🍌 Lunch, snacks, and all activities included
- 📅 Inset Day for many local schools



SPORTS COACHING



**SPORT? FOOTBALL**  
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**DATES? 15/1 TO 26/3 - EXC 19/2**  
**TIME? 3PM - 4PM**  
**COST? £85 FULL TERM**  
**£8.50 PER SESSION**



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